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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 12; and add claims 27-28 as follows:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of making a pavement marker comprising the steps of:  
forming an array of discrete reflective pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by a carrier web comprising the step of bonding the pavement elements to [[the]] a removable carrier web; and  
forming a frangible connection between a plurality of the discrete pavement elements and the carrier web.
- 2 -3. (cancelled)
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming the pavement elements interconnected by a carrier web comprises the steps of bonding the carrier web to an upper surface of the array of pavement elements.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
applying a pressure sensitive adhesive to a rear surface of the pavement elements; and  
applying a release liner over the adhesive.
6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming a frangible connection comprises the step of at least partially severing the carrier web around a perimeter of the pavement elements.

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7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming a frangible connection comprises the step of at least partially severing the carrier web around one or more groups of pavement elements.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the carrier web is selected from a group consisting of paper, a release liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material.

9. (original) The process of claim 1 wherein the pavement elements are selected from a group consisting of retroreflective lens and single bead durable pavement elements.

10. (original) A method for applying the array of pavement elements of claim 1 to a pavement surface comprising the steps of:

interposing an adhesive between the pavement elements and the pavement surface; and

engaging the adhesive to the pavement surface under pressure.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of removing a portion of the carrier web between adjacent pavement elements to form an array of discrete pavement elements adhered to a pavement surface.

12. (currently amended) A pavement marking article attachable to a pavement comprising:

an array of discrete retroreflective pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by and bonded to a removable carrier web; and

a frangible connection between a plurality of the pavement elements and the carrier web.

13-14. (cancelled)

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15. (original) The article of claim 12 wherein the carrier web is bonded to upper surfaces of the pavement elements.

16. (original) The article of claim 12 further comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive applied to a rear surface of the pavement elements, and a release liner extending over the adhesive.

17. (original) The article of claim 12 wherein the frangible connection comprises slits around a perimeter of the pavement elements.

18. (original) The article of claim 12 wherein the carrier web is selected from a group consisting of paper, a liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material.

19. (original) The article of claim 12 further comprising an adhesive interposed between the pavement elements and the pavement surface.

20. (withdrawn) A pavement marker comprising:

discrete retroreflective pavement elements having a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on a bottom surface, the bottom surfaces being arranged in an array on a release liner; and a carrier web bonded to an upper portion of the pavement elements capable of maintaining the spatial orientation of the array of pavement elements when the release liner is removed.

21. (previously presented) The article of claim 12 wherein the array of the pavement elements comprises a plurality of protrusions having side surfaces, the protrusions being retroreflective at the side surfaces.

22. (previously presented) The article of claim 21 having retroreflective beads on the side surfaces of the pavement elements.

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23. (previously presented) The article of claim 21 having a cube corner retroreflective lens on the side surfaces.

24. (withdrawn) The article of claim 20 wherein the pavement elements comprise an array of raised elements having retroreflective side surfaces.

25. (withdrawn) The article of claim 24 having retroreflective beads on the side surfaces.

26. (withdrawn) The article of claim 24 having a cube corner retroreflective lens on the side surface.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the array of pavement elements is formed as a plurality of protrusions having a retroreflective side surface.

28. (new) A method of making a pavement marker comprising the steps of:

forming an array of discrete reflective pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by a carrier web selected from a group consisting of paper, a release liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material; and

forming a frangible connection between a plurality of the discrete pavement elements and the carrier web.

29. (new) A pavement marking article attachable to a pavement comprising:

an array of discrete retroreflective pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by and bonded to a carrier web selected from a group consisting of paper, a release liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material; and

a frangible connection between a plurality of the pavement elements and the carrier web.